

Committee attendance: Yen Ju Chen, Ted Ewanciw, Richard Freedman, Paul Goldberg, Delaney Higgs, Oneal Puri, Lawrence Sergeant, Richard Wells. Absent: Carl Bretscher, Garry Burnett, Seth Isenberg & Pamela Wilkins. Cable Office staff: Keith Watkins.

Call to Order

- Richard Freedman called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM; no quorum at that time.
- Note was made of the GO Cable Plan meeting that had happen and the URL sent to members for review.
- Lawrence Sargeant was welcomed to the CCAC and offered a review of his experience.

Cable Office Report

- No progress to report with the Comcast deal at this time; after months of negotiations, Comcast delivered terms and required a response within 48 hours. Montgomery County did not conform to this demand and a meeting is pending.
- Watkins offered a review of the Cable Office complaint operation and current issues. One item we have as a challenge is the lack of teeth to enforce problems. Compliance is more voluntary on the part of providers. Only some metric can be found to be out of compliance and this draw a fine and metric data is provided can't is beyond audit.

Approval of Agenda/Minutes

- Past Minutes were approved once a quorum was reached at 7:20 PM.

Old Business

- Issue is still outstanding to get Rockville & Takoma Park to appoint representatives to the CCAC, or respond to the Cable Office request for direction of who else to contact. CCAC now has 12 members and only the MML, Rockville & Takoma Park seats remain empty.
- Verizon owes the County information on what the our costs would be to support the PEG listings on the Interactive Program Guide and a copy of the full rate sheet. (Cable Office Staff is told July 22, 2014 by Karen Handy that Verizon has no plans to include PEG meta-data on its on-screen guide and is not providing an equipment cost estimate related to such a feature)
- The operation to simplify the CCAC web site to make it simpler to find Minutes is still outstanding.

- When the Comcast Agreement review keeps pushing forward in the Cable Office, Freedman reiterated the desire by the CCAC to offer input in a timely manor so we can provide advice to the Council pre-execution.
- Carl Bretscher and Seth Isenberg were approved for CCAC membership.

New Business

- Request was made to update the web site CCAC member listing and add the FY15 Cable Plan.
- Confirm the CCAC meeting schedule for the remainder of 2014: 9/24 and 11/19. It is agreed that if an additional meeting can be scheduled as needed if action is required on the Comcast deal.
- Goldberg asked about the enforcement of the FCC mandate of the "additional outlet" fee and the Universal Service Fee. He will provide the Watkins with documentation and may also file a complaint directly with the FCC.
- 2014 Elections: Richard Freedman- Chair; Paul Goldberg- Co-Chair; Richard Wells-Secretary

Reminder:

- GO Committee has a meeting scheduled for 10:00 AM 7CCR July 10, Bill 28-14, Cable Communications - Community Media Organizations. This bill amends 8A-32 of the County Code.
- Reimbursement should be filed for 2st Qtr 2014.
- Next CCAC meeting is scheduled Wednesday, September 24, 2014.

Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM

Submitted by: Richard Wells

Pending feedback from Keith on VZ rate. If CCAC can sign off on legal to gain access to Comcast info...